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According to a directive of the Bauern-Bank Berlin which was distributed to the offices under its jurisdiction, beginning 1 January 1953 the accounts of all so-called large farmers (Grossbauern) which were previously carried by the Bauern-Handelsgenossenschaft (Farmers' Cooperative) (BHG), were to be transferred to the Kreis offices of the Bauern-Bank. All long-term loans made to large farmers were to be examined, and in cases where interest was not paid up or payments not made on time, notice was to be served immediately. Moreover, long-term loans to large farmers were to be converted immediately to short-term loans. In the future large farmers were to receive short-term loans only up to 75 DME per hectare; previously they had received short-term loans of 400-450 DME per hectare. In the future the BHG's were to be permitted to make only short-term loans. All applications for long-term loans were to be directed to the appropriate Bauern-Bank. The directive also stated that large farmers may no longer join agricultural production cooperatives.

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